

## DIG BALTIMORE BLAZE CAUSES \$200,000 LOSS

Two Firms Practically Wiped  
Out by Flames in Early  
Morning Fire.

NEARBY DWELLERS ALARMED  
Spark From Dry Kiln Believed to  
Have Fallen on Piles of  
Drying Lumber.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 27.—Fire wrecked a big brick building occupying almost the entire block on Sharp street, between West and Ostend streets, early this morning, causing a loss of \$200,000. Half the building was occupied by George Eselman & Co., manufacturers of picture frames and moldings, and the other part by the Chesapeake Manufacturing Company, makers of furniture. Both firms lost almost all their stocks and machinery.

Loss Will Exceed \$200,000.

According to George Eselman, the loss to his firm will amount to \$100,000. The loss to the Chesapeake Manufacturing Company, is not known, but it is estimated it will reach a like amount. The burning plant of Joseph Meyers was slightly damaged.

There was intense excitement among the residents of the neighborhood whose homes were threatened by the flames. Many of them rushed from their homes in panic.

The fire started about 1:30 o'clock and soon afterward the entire building was ablaze.

Origin of Fire.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a spark from the dry kiln falling down a ventilator shaft into a pile of dry lumber in a lumber shed in the yard of the factory.

A peculiar feature of the blaze was the fact that two five-gallon cans of benzine, which stood on the outside of a window sill, failed to explode after flames had burned all around them for an hour or more.

## WILSON, ON YACHT, IS LOST TO WORLD

President Succeeds in Cutting  
Off All Communication With  
His Official Duties.

With President Wilson aboard, the Sylph now lies somewhere near the mouth of the Potomac, in Chesapeake bay, according to reports at the Washington navy yard, although not a single flash had come by wireless to the radio station up to noon today.

Secretary Tumulty, who was at his desk at the White House for an hour today, said he had received no word from the Chief, and did not expect any before his return either tonight or tomorrow morning. It is considered probable that the President will spend the night sailing up the Potomac, and will not arrive in Washington until 7 or 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Attaches of the White House say that not since President Roosevelt went on his famous bear hunting trip in Mississippi in 1901 has a President "lost himself" so effectively as has President Wilson since the Sylph weighed anchor at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. On one of President Taft's trips to Panama, his battleship was out of wireless communication with Washington for several hours, but the location of his trip could always be approximately determined, whereas the White House says at present it does not know whether President Wilson is within ten miles of the District line or one hundred.

There is a possibility that if the lower Potomac is rainy and stormy today that President Wilson may decide to make the trip homeward without delay, and that he may arrive here in time to sleep at the White House. It is known that he hoped to be able to land at one or two points along the river or on Chesapeake Bay, so as to be able to stretch his legs and take a short walk, but if disagreeable weather prevents this he may decide to come back to the city sooner than he would otherwise.

## Will Pass Upon Loan Brokers' New Methods

The District Attorney's office will be called upon by Major Sylvester to pass upon the business methods of various loan brokers in Washington that were instituted following the passage by Congress of the law regulating the business.

Two brokers have established offices in Virginia, and others, according to a report made by Detectives Evans and Warren, have gone into the note discount business.

The pawnbrokers believe they are within the law. So far as known there have been no violations of the statute, but it is the desire of police officials to have the legal officers of the Government pass on the new methods.

## DISAPPEARS AT DOCTOR'S OFFICE

James L. Taylor, Left by  
Friend at Physician's Door,  
Fails to Come Back.

TOOK VALUABLES WITH HIM  
Had Been Despondent for  
Several Days Over Failure to  
Regain His Health.

The Washington police were this afternoon called upon to unravel the most unusual disappearance case with which they have ever come in contact.

The missing man is James L. Taylor, of 6433 Piney Branch road. Some time ago he was the victim of a street car accident. This left him with a permanent physical affliction, and it is said also affected his mind.

To Doctor's Office.

This morning F. W. Heine, of the Piney Branch road address took Mr. Taylor to the office of a physician on E Street southwest. Mr. Heine stopped at the physician's door, helped Mr. Taylor out, and then stepped back into his automobile to pull it up a few lengths away, under a tree to escape a shower. He buttoned the curtains down, and gave no thought to Mr. Taylor for the while.

Then Heine waited an hour and one-half, and when the injured man failed to come from the doctor's office, went in search of him.

His Valuable's Gone.

The doctor had not seen Taylor, neither had any member of the physician's household.

Mr. Heine hurried back to his home. But Mr. Taylor had not returned. A hurried search of his room and belongings revealed the fact that his personal effects, bank book, valuable papers and other records were gone from his trunk.

The missing man had been despondent for several days. Taylor, who is thirty-three years of age, is a native of Ohio. He has a sister, Mrs. Story, living at 1000 E Street. Taylor's wife gives no clue. Mr. Heine has no idea as to Taylor's possible whereabouts, and can give no clue other than Taylor's description.

This is as follows: Age, thirty-eight years. Height, six feet one inch. Weight, 160 pounds. Hair dark, streaked with gray. Dark eyes, sandy mustache, and bald spot on back of the head. Dressed in brown suit with dark stripes. Wore a black derby and patent leather shoes.

ALARMING JAPANESE  
REPORTS ARE DENIED  
No Plea From Mikado Brought  
by Ambassador Chinda, Says  
the State Department.

Not the slightest change in the attitude of Japan toward the threatened anti-alien land laws in California has taken place in the past twenty-four hours.

Reports that Ambassador Chinda had reiterated in insistent manner the displeasure of the Mikado over any alleged discrimination against his citizens, are denied at the White House and the State Department today.

The Japanese protest against the alien land laws was made to the United States Government more than two weeks ago, and no other representations have been made by Ambassador Chinda since that time, officials say.

Sensational reports that Japan has threatened to sever diplomatic relations with the United States, and that something akin to an ultimatum was flashed from Washington to President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan yesterday, are expressly denied by State Department officials today.

Ambassador Chinda called upon the acting Secretary of State, Mr. Moore, to pay his respects, said one of the attaches of the embassy at Washington today. "That was all. He did not deliver any message from the Mikado to him."

## Bryce's Successor Has Landed in New York

NEW YORK, April 27.—On board the Carmania which arrived here this afternoon was Cecil Spring-Rice, K. C., M. G., H. B. M., who succeeds Ambassador Bryce as representative of the British government at Washington. The new envoy was met by George Wilson, president of the Union League Club and Clarke Kerr and David Campbell, two attaches of the embassy at Washington, and by Walter Courtney Bennett, consul general in this city.

## Five Burn to Death In Army Post Fire

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Two women and three children were burned to death today in a fire that destroyed two barracks occupied by non-commissioned officers of the Sixth Infantry and their families at the Presidio.

## Princess Luise Coming



## KAISER'S DAUGHTER WILL VISIT CAPITAL

Princess Luise, Who Is to Be  
Married Next Month, to  
Come Here as Bride.

BERLIN, April 27.—Arrangements have been made whereby Princess Victoria Luise, the Kaiser's only daughter, who will be married to Prince Ernest of Cumberland, May 24, is to visit America in the autumn. She is expected to visit New York, Washington, and Boston.

Provisional booking already has been made for the royal couple aboard the Hamburg in the early part of September.

## GIRL, SWEETHEART, AND MONEY MISSING

Wealthy Father of Italian Miss  
Believes Youth Has Kidnaped  
His Pretty Daughter.

BOSTON, April 27.—Sixteen-year-old Olga Buzzi, one of the prettiest Italian girls in the northeast, was kidnaped by a young man and is being hidden in Baltimore or Philadelphia, according to the declaration made by her father, Manuel Buzzi, a wealthy confectioner, at police headquarters this morning.

The father found that \$50 in bills and the family jewelry was missing from the safe in his office.

Her eldest brother has gone to Philadelphia to search for her in the Italian quarter of that city. He has a written request from the Boston police asking Philadelphia authorities to hold Olga and her companion if found.

## Ram Katahdin Sunk By Monitor's Shell

The battered ram Katahdin, used by the United States navy as a target, lies today in twelve feet of water in Chesapeake Bay, near Tangier Sound, with a twelve-inch shell hole near her water line. Workmen are trying to fill the hole, pump out the water and again float the old vessel, which has sunk for the second time.

The Navy Department received word today that the monitor Tallahassee, used as an experiment ship in tests of shells, bombs and sights, had fired on the Katahdin with a twelve-inch shell, which pierced at the water line. No body was on the ram during the firing.

## Say High School Pupils Are Addicted to Drugs

CLEVELAND, April 27.—Hundreds of boys and girls attending the West Technical High School and the Central High School are addicted to the use of drugs, according to evidence unearthed by detectives employed by the State board of pharmacy, under the direction of A. L. Flandermeyer, a member of the board.

The arrest of several druggists is expected soon.

Cruelty is charged in a suit for a limited divorce filed by Mrs. Grace L. Weber against Leroy Weber, a stenographer employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the District Supreme Court yesterday. Mrs. Weber alleges that her husband forced her to sign a certain deed at the point of a revolver on January 15, last. A. D. Smith is attorney for Mrs. Weber.

## MISS LEA HELD FOR MOTOR RIDE

Sister of Senator and Her Party  
Taken to Baltimore Station  
by Traffic Policeman.

ON WRONG SIDE OF STREET  
Chauffeur Turned Out to  
Avoid Funeral Procession, Is  
Plea of Prisoners.

Miss Elizabeth Lea, sister of United States Senator Luke Lea, of Nashville, Tenn., and two young women who are her house guests, were arrested in Baltimore yesterday afternoon for an alleged violation of the traffic regulations in the Monumental City, taken to the Southwestern police station and held half an hour, and later appeared in a magistrate's court, where they were released.

Return to Capitol.

The trio, together with the chauffeur, the only member of the party whose name was given, returned to Washington later in the evening, much chagrined at the treatment accorded them, and promising to place the matter before Senator Lea when he returns to the city.

Miss Lea and her two guests motored to Baltimore early in the day to visit the Walters Art Gallery. Three hours were spent there, and the party, on leaving the city, came in contact with a funeral procession. The chauffeur, Isaac Cramer, of this city, turned his car to the left for two blocks, when a traffic policeman arrested the party.

The occupant of the car were taken to the police station and held half an hour before being taken to a magistrate's court. They were charged with driving on the wrong side of the street, and Cramer was charged with driving in Baltimore without a permit.

Are Released.

The magistrate released the driver and the three women, saying that they were blameless.

Miss Lea today declined to go into the details of the arrest, further than to say that the predicament was an embarrassing one, and that Senator Lea is out of the city. It will be forgotten for the time being. She declined to give the names of her two companions.

The car was owned by Mrs. Overton Lea, the mother of Miss Lea.

## MARRIED FOR LOVE, MAY LOSE INCOME

Wealthy Woman's Inheritance  
From First Husband May  
Be Partially Lost.

BROOKLINE, Mass., April 27.—Mrs. Lewis Flanders may sacrifice a part of the half million dollar fortune bequeathed by her first husband, William Butler Woodbridge, founder of the Columbia Life Insurance Company, for having married the man of her choice.

It has been found that, according to the terms of the will, an income was to go to Mrs. Woodbridge's son, William Pratt Woodbridge, if Mrs. Woodbridge remarried before her son had attained his majority. Young Woodbridge is not yet twenty-one.

Mrs. Woodbridge was married last summer in Portland, Me., to Lewis Flanders, of Brookline.

## White House Denies That Page Gets Post

Reports that Thomas Nelson Page is to be the next American ambassador to Italy were given short shrift at the White House today, and were said to be without foundation.

Since Mr. Page was mentioned as a candidate for the ambassadorship to St. James, his name has figured only briefly in the reports as to the other European diplomatic posts to be filled by the President.

According to good authority, Mr. Page's name has not been considered by President Wilson for any European post. Joseph E. Davies, of Wisconsin, was offered the ambassadorship to Italy, but declined to leave the United States, and President Wilson then asked him to become Commissioner of Corporations, which he accepted yesterday.

## Travelers to War Upon Parcel Post

CINCINNATI, April 27.—War was declared on the Federal parcel post at a meeting of the Travelers' Protective Association of Ohio, here late last night. Representatives from all parts of the State participated in an attack on the new institution.

The association was appointed to urge the national convention at Richmond, Va., to vigorously oppose the Federal parcel post system, as the mail order houses can ship into the territory now largely covered by traveling salesmen, thus dispensing with his services.

## BORDEN HIDES WITH DAUGHTER

Millionaire and Girl, Recovered  
in Boston, Both Disappear  
After Reunion.

MRS. WHITE TELLS OF FLIGHT  
Ramona Had Pleaded With Her  
to Be Taken Away From  
Father, Is Woman's Report.

BOSTON, April 27.—Gail Borden and her recovered seventeen-year-old daughter, Ramona, have disappeared again, this time together. But this time no official search is being made, as the millionaire condensed milk dealer, following his meeting with the runaway girl in this city yesterday, declared he intended to take her away for rest and recuperation, and the notoriety which has followed her leaving a New Jersey sanitarium last week, had died down.

Girl Found in Back Bay.

The girl was in a boarding house in the Back Bay part of Boston. With her were Gladys and Victoria Sheldon, nieces of Mrs. William J. White, one of the women who took Miss Borden from the Pompton Lakes sanitarium.

Mrs. White was not in the boarding house. Neither was Mrs. T. A. Backe, who lives in Brooklyn. She is a friend of the young woman, who was reported to have been with her in Atlantic City, whither she went after leaving the sanitarium.

Borden, after being united with his daughter in the Hotel Touraine, started for New York with her on a late afternoon train. They left the train in Connecticut, and disappeared.

Borden Not to Prosecute.

Before leaving Boston, Borden, who had threatened to prosecute those who assisted the girl in leaving the sanitarium, said there would be no legal proceedings.

Mrs. White may have thought the millionaire intended to prosecute her, for through William B. Ellison, former corporation counsel, a friend, she set forth her side of the sanitarium fight.

In the statement issued by Ellison the interesting fact was brought out that Borden's wife, whose home is in Los Angeles, never is on her way to New York to claim her daughter, and will reach here Tuesday.

Mrs. White Asserts Innocence.

Mrs. White's version of the strange runaway mystery, as set forth by Ellison, is that she has known Ramona for years and has sympathized with the girl, who, the older woman thought, was pining for affection.

After Ramona was committed to the Pompton Lakes Sanitarium Mrs. White said the girl wrote to her in Atlantic City and begged her to visit her. Mrs. White went there in an automobile. She says Ramona begged piteously to be taken away, and that she was taken in a automobile, but that there was no kidnapping.

## Federal Troops Kill Mexican Guerillas

The State Department was informed yesterday that Mexican federal troops have killed three of the marauders in Huimanguillo, State of Tabasco, who have been disturbing the peaceful element there by pillaging and other guerrilla war tactics.

The federal troops are in pursuit of the other members of the guerrilla bands. It is expected the dispatches stated, that order will be soon restored throughout all the sections of the state.

## Thieves Smash Window And Rob Jewelry Store

Burglars smashed the show window of the John W. Hicks jewelry store, at 506 H Street northeast, some time after midnight last night and stole eleven watches and eight breast chains. In all they were valued at \$25.

Thieves also forced an entrance during the night to the office of William J. Dunham, 112 Connecticut avenue northwest. They secured nothing of value.

## Eaton Will Hearing Is Set for Tomorrow

BROCKTON, Mass., April 27.—The will of Admiral Joseph Giles Eaton, for whose death his widow, Mrs. Jennie Harrison Eaton, is being held for trial in Plymouth jail, will come before probate court tomorrow on petition of Judge George W. Kelley, of Rockland. Judge Kelley spent yesterday at Eaton house making an inventory of the collections and of other effects of the late admiral.

## Hurt by Bicyclist.

Stephen Height, fifty-five years old, of Chevy Chase, Md., was knocked down and run over by a boy on a bicycle at Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, early this morning. The bicyclist is not known. He did not stop. Height was taken to the Emergency suffering from an injury to the left shoulder.

## Returns to Father



MISS RAMONA BORDEN.

## SHRINERS PLAN FOR INITIATION AT CANAL

Obtain Consent of Government  
to Have Candidates Cross  
Hot Sands in Dry Lock.

MOBILE, April 27.—Abba Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, proposes to hold an initiation festival wherein some of the desert will cross the hot sands in one of the Panama Canal locks before the water is turned into the lock this fall. Permission has been obtained from the Government to use the lock and all that remains is to obtain the sanction of the imperial council, which meets in Dallas May 11-17.

Some division of sentiment existed in reports by the bureau chiefs as to whether current work can be kept up with the afternoon granted and no other working time required in place of the afternoon off. Chief Clerk Williams is reported to have said that he believed current work could be maintained without charging the afternoon against the annual leave or requiring an extra half hour. Several other men, a majority, in fact, backed him up on this point.

## 'THORNTON' SOUGHT BY SEVERAL CITIES

Man Held Here in Connection  
With Alleged Check Deals Is  
Wanted Elsewhere.

"Henry M. Thornton," who is being held to await the action of the grand jury in connection with alleged check operations in Washington, is wanted in several cities under as many aliases, the police learned today. For more than a year he has led municipal detectives and special men of the Burns agency a merry chase. He was trailed to this city by Detective O'Donnell of the Burns agency.

Just before coming here, it is alleged, he operated in Staunton, Va., and succeeded in swindling President Echols of the Valley National Bank. When he presented a letter to President Echols on a forged letterhead from a firm of lawyers of Charleston, S. C., and apparently signed by one of the bank president's close friends, he was immediately accepted, and was even dined and entertained at President Echols' home.

The letter to the bank president, since pronounced a forgery, is said to have declared that the bearer was a friend and kinsman of a lawyer, who was in Staunton working on a will case. He mailed himself a check, it is alleged, that was received with other mail at Judge Echols' office, and the bank president readily cashed it.

## Huge Cocktail Made Of Confiscated Liquor

BANGOR, Me., April 27.—Pending his removal from office by Governor Haines, Sheriff Emerson, of Penobscot county, is actively raiding liquor dealers in Bangor and vicinity, and has alone on Lincoln street netted eleven barrels of beer and numerous barrels and cases of whiskey.

The rum room in the court house basement is filled to capacity with seized goods. The liquors, all whisky, rum and brandy, will be mixed together into one frightful concoction and then tarred and sealed for the value of its alcohol.

## Tenement Wrecked by Explosion of Bomb

NEW YORK, April 27.—A hundred people were routed from the six-story tenement at 223 Thompson street today when a bomb, the sixty-fifth to be set off since the first of the year, exploded on the fourth floor.

The explosion tore a six-foot hole in the concrete landing, blew out every pane of glass in the building, and wrecked the stairways.

## CLERKS MAY GET EXTRA HOLIDAYS

Treasury Chiefs Consider Start-  
ing the Summer Schedule  
in Month of May.

WILLIAMS MAKES PROPOSAL  
If Work Can Be Kept Cleaned  
Up, Order May Be Issued  
During This Week.

Treasury clerks are likely to get a Saturday half holiday in May and June as the result of an investigation of the subject conducted by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Williams who, through circulars to heads of divisions and bureaus and by a meeting of these division chiefs, has been testing sentiment.

At present, Treasury clerks, like others in the classified service here, stand to get Saturday afternoons off in July, August, and September, as in the past. The new proposition up is to grant them Saturday afternoons off in the first two months of hot weather.

Four Proposals Made.

Assistant Secretary Williams through his circular asked that informal census of clerks be taken on several propositions.

Number 1 is that the Saturday afternoons be granted in May and June with the time to be made up by deductions from annual leave.

An alternative proposition is that the time be made up by prolonging the working day on the first five days of the week a half hour.

Another proposal is that the afternoon off be granted without extra time being required in any way, and a fourth is that hours of work and leave be left as they are now.

The bureau chiefs and division heads met in Mr. Williams' office yesterday afternoon and reported.

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## Conductor Bar Breaks; Traffic Is Delayed

The breaking of a conductor bar in the slot near North Capitol and H streets shortly before 9 o'clock this morning tied up the New York avenue line of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Baltimore electric line for nearly an hour.

An insulated bar gave way, dropping the conductor rail that supplies the current. The plover of a passing car plucked the rail down, breaking four other bars and destroying the circuit. It took 30 minutes to repair the damage. Crowds bound for the circus grounds were compelled to take the G street line.

## T. C. du Pont to Build New York Skyscraper

NEW YORK, April 27.—T. C. du Pont, of Wilmington, Del., has purchased for \$3,000,000 the site of the Equitable building, destroyed fifteen months ago by fire, and will erect thereon a thirty-story building. A mortgage of \$3,000,000, the largest within recollection of Manhattan real estate dealers, has been received against the property. When completed the skyscraper will represent an investment of approximately \$3,000,000.

The new building will occupy the entire block bounded by Broadway, Pine, Nassau, and Cedar streets.

## FIND LOST BOYS AFTER 200 HUNT WOOD ALL NIGHT

Neighbors, Headed by Frantic  
Parents, Dragged River and  
Search for 20 Hours.

LADS WANTED EXCITEMENT  
Imitated Boy Scouts, After  
Long Confinement to House  
From Sister's Illness.

After a twenty-hour search under the lead of a frantic father and mother, Edwin Norton, six years old, and Amos Norton, nine years old, were found at noon today behind the home of William Cleaves, a Navy Yard employee, at Mt. Rainier.

The boys declared they were overtaken by night while they were imitating the Boy Scouts, and slept in Klein's woods, near their home.

Searchers Drag River.

Two hundred searchers, including citizens of Hyattsville, Mt. Rainier, the fire department members of these suburbs, Justice of the Peace Thomas Garrison and O. B. Wiseman, and all the police of the Ninth Washington precinct under Capt. John B. Daly's lead, searched the woods, dragged the Eastern Branch of the Potomac river and watched the circus grounds for a trace of the lads all night and until noon today.

Parents Led in Search.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Norton, the boys' parents, led the search near their home in Thirty-fourth street, Mt. Rainier.

Both boys had been penned up for five weeks, while their five-year-old sister, Vivian, was ill with scarlet fever. Yesterday afternoon they left the house, in their bare feet and without coats or hats, announcing that they intended to paddle in the Potomac river.

This was not unusual, and nothing was thought of it until the father found that they were staying away longer than they gave out.

He at once organized a party of searchers. Two hundred men, including the fire department, volunteered.

All night they scoured every inch of Klein's wood. At daybreak today they began to drag the river, thinking that the boys were drowned while paddling.

Slept in Deserted Barn.

Thrice in the night the searchers went through a deserted barn in Klein's woods, where the boys say they slept after the rain came up. But the lads were buried in the hay, afraid to return home after being out so late.

Early today they came out of their hiding places to do some "scouting." Amos Norton had been reading Boy Scout books, and while he did not belong to the Boy Scout troop, he was following its precepts. He knew every inch of Klein's woods.

So the two lads wandered around in the rain today, planning to go back home in time for dinner. At noon they had reached the Cedar street home of William Cleaves.

The father brought the boys home to the mother, who by this time was on the verge of hysteria.

The lads explained that they were tired of being in quarantine and that they wanted some excitement, although they had not thought their disappearance would cause the great sensation that Hyattsville and Mt. Rainier have experienced in years.

Did Not Hear Searchers.

They said they went to the river to play, and then wandered off through the bushes to sleep until the rain came after midnight. Then they went into the deserted barn and buried themselves in the hay. They said they did not hear or see anything of the searchers who went into the barn three times during the night, nor did they catch a glimpse of any of the men who were searching the woods this forenoon.

They had not expected to watch the circus come in, but this theory kept all of the police of the Ninth precinct busy during the morning. Nor did they have any mishap in the river. Nearly half of the searchers hauled the boys out of the water, thinking they were drowned by falling from a narrow bridge across the Eastern Branch.

## Haywood Fails to Make Threat Good

PATERSON, N. J., April 27.—"Big Bill" Haywood, leader of the Industrial Workers of the World did not make good his statement that he would appear here before 2 o'clock today and invite arrest on the warrant issued against him.

With Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and three others, Haywood was indicted by the grand jury on a technical charge of inciting to riot and preaching anarchy during the strike.

Haywood denounced the action of the authorities as tyrannical and declared his organization would furnish bail for Miss Flynn and they could lock him up any time they chose.